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Scholarship to Study Abroad
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various Government scholarships available for students going abroad for post graduate or doctorate studies and the number of beneficiaries in this regard during the last three years and the current year;
(b) whether the Government is aware that brain drain from the Country is still an issue;
(c) if so, the details thereof; and
(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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(a) The details of various Government scholarships available for students going abroad to pursue post graduate or doctorate studies are as follows :-
1. National Overseas Scholarship for Scheduled Tribe Students: The scheme is implemented by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. Under the scheme, financial assistance towards cost of tuition and other educational fess, maintenance and other grants along with travel expenses is provided to meritorious Scheduled Tribe students for pursuing Master level courses, Ph.D. and Post-Doctoral Research Programmes in foreign universities in the field of Engineering, Technology and Science. The family income ceiling of the candidates/parents is ? 6.00 lac per annum.
2. National Overseas Scholarship for Scheduled Caste students: The scheme is implemented by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided for pursuing Master level course and Ph.D. abroad. The family income ceiling of the candidates/parents is ? 6.00 lac per annum. The number of awards available is 100 per annum.
3. Dr. Ambedkar Scheme of Interest Subsidy on Educational Loan for Overseas Studies for the Students belonging to the Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and Economically Backward Classes (EBCs): The scheme is implemented by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. The objective of the scheme is to award interest subsidy to meritorious OBC and EBC students so as to provide them opportunities for higher education abroad and enhancing their employability. The income ceiling is ? 3.00 lac per annum for OBCs and ? 1.00 for EBCs. 50 % of the outlay is earmarked to girl students.
4. Padho Pardesh:- The Ministry of Minority Affairs is implementing Padho Pardesh - Interest Subsidy on educational loan for overseas studies, under which interest subsidy is provided to minority students for pursuing Master's Level Courses, M.Phil and Ph.D. in foreign universities. The family income ceiling of the candidates/parents is ? 6.00 lac per annum.
5. Overseas Doctoral Fellowship Programme:- The scheme is implemented by Science and Engineering Research Board, a statutory body of Department of Science and Technology. The objective of the scheme is to build national capacity where the talent supply of researchers in areas of interest to the country is sub-critical. The selected fellow is provided US $ 24,000 per annum for a period of 4 years for undertaking the doctoral research program in specified areas from overseas top ranking universities.
Number of beneficiaries under the above mentioned schemes are as follows:
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Name of the Scholarship Scheme Number of beneficiaries (year wise)
2013-14 2014-15 2015-16 2016-17
National Overseas Scholarship for
Scheduled Tribe Students
09 21 NIL NIL
National Overseas Scholarship for
Scheduled Caste etc.
39 59 50 Selection is
under process
Dr. Ambedkar Scheme of

Interest Subsidy on
Educational Loan for
Overseas Studies for the
Students belonging to the
Other Backward Classes
(OBCs) and Economically
Backward Classes (EBCs).
OBC * 121 224

EBC 52 64

Padho Pardesh * 573 815 727
Overseas Doctoral Fellowship * 03 06 ----------
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*The scheme is operational from the year 2014-15
(b) to (d) Government has several schemes to attract and retain high skilled talent. The University Grants Commission (UGC) has launched the scheme of Faculty Recharge Programme wherein candidates are selected through global advertisements. Under the CV Raman Post-Doctoral Fellowships Scheme the young faculty is attached to United States of America (USA) Universities to enable them to work with USA Scientists in their respective area of specialization.
UGC has introduced a number of schemes such as Special Assistance Programme (SAP), Universities with Potential for Excellence (UPE), Basic Scientific Research Programme (BSR), Centres with Potential for Excellence in Particular Areas (CPEPA), Major and Minor Research Projects (MRP), Colleges with Potential for Excellence (CPE), Enhancing Faculty Resources of Universities etc.
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